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Group Art Unit: 2829

Serial No.: 10/076,951

Examiner: Vinh P. Nguyen

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 29, 2004

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 29, 2004, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The Examiner required an election of a single species under 35 U.S.C. § 121; however, the Office Action did not list the various species. In a telephonic conference on February 27, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the various species alleged to be distinct were as follows: (1) Fig. 4A; (2) Fig. 5; and (3) Fig. 6.

Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, the species of Fig. 4A. Claims 1-20, 23-24, and 32-36 read upon the elected species.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is ready for examination on the merits, which action is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be required. If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Request for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Request for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any fee required for such Request for Extension of Time and any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and not submitted herewith, should be charged to Thompson & Knight L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 20-0821. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 011247.000003.

Respectfully submitted,



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